

**John Black**, (1797 – 7 May 1886), Peoples Advocate and Press, May 12, 1886, New Bloomfield, Pa.

**Mr. John Black**, one of the oldest citizens of this county, died at the residence of **Mrs. Martha Roddy**, in this borough on Friday night, the 7th inst., aged 89 years, 2 months, and 2 days. His remains were interred in the Bloomfield cemetery on the following Sunday evening.

**Mr. Black** was perhaps, the oldest citizen of the county at the time of his death. He was a son of **George Black** of Jackson Township, and was born and lived nearby all his life on the "Black homestead," in that vicinity, now owned by James Anderson. Some three years ago, on account of advancing age, he and his sister, **Mrs. Nancy Roddy**, removed to Bloomfield and took up residence with **Mrs. Martha Roddy**, widow of the late **George B. Roddy**, and mother of **Joseph S.** and **George B. Roddy**.

**Mr. Black** was empanelled as a member of the first jury for this county, and is the last survivor of those connected with the first court held in the county. He was a genial and intelligent old man up to the time of his death, and took pleasure in recounting the many reminiscences of the early history of the county. He was never married. Mr. Black ancestors came from Ireland prior to 1750, and settled in Saville Township, and afterwards in Tuscarora Township. It is a historical name in this county.

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